

Catskill Hudson District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries  
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# Lay Servant Ministries Classes

## 2025 Lay Servant Course Advanced Course - Ministry with the Forgotten Dementia through a Spiritual Lens

Patricia "Patty" Armstrong - Instructor

The number of people living with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia is increasing rapidly. A 2021 Alzheimer's Association report estimates that 6.2 million Americans are living with some form of dementia today, and that number is expected to double within thirty years.

This course seeks to equip lay servant ministers to lead congregations in ministry with people with dementia and the people who care for them. At the heart of biblical faith is the affirmation that God chooses the most vulnerable as full participants in God's mission. This course is also an invitation to know at a deeper level more than mere intellectual comprehension. Finally, this course is a summons to a broader understanding and practice of discipleship and ministry and, indeed, persons living with dementia do need the ministry of the congregation. People with dementia are a growing constituency in our congregations. This course will help you to be more comfortable, more understanding; provide you with tools, to identify and receive gifts from persons who live with dementia, provide practical ways you can be in ministry and encouragement to lead in ministry with persons who live with dementia.

Location - ZOOM - Link will be sent following Registration  
Class Limit 20 - Registration deadline September 25

Dates: Wednesday - October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

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Please return this portion and your \$5.00 Registration Fee to:

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